



8:30 – 9:00 REGISTRATION

9:00 – 9:25 OPENING SESSION

Opening Statement: H. E. **Lubomír Zaorálek**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

9:25 – 9:30 CONFERENCE OUTLINE

Kristina Larischová, Director-General, Analysis and Communication Section

9:30 – 11:00 PANEL 1: **HUMAN RIGHTS – GLOBAL OR WESTERN?**

Universal human rights are elaborated in basic documents of the United Nations that are accepted by almost everybody. Nevertheless, it can't be said that there is an absolute agreement on human rights across the international community. On the contrary, human rights are a bone of contention and a source of accusations of one another. Where is the cause of the disconnect between universality of declarations and particularity of practice? What needs to be done to make the international dialogue on human rights more productive? To what extent can human rights be portrayed as a purely Western product? Is there a hierarchy between the different generations of human rights?

Chair:

Ms. **Arzu Geybullayeva**, Journalist, Vaclav Havel Journalism Fellow, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty

Panelists:

Mr. **Danilo Türk**, Former UN Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs, Third President of the Republic of Slovenia

Mr. **Ivan Šimonović**, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, Head of the New York Office of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Ms. **Lotte Leicht**, Director of Human Rights Watch Office, Brussels

Mr. **Makau W. Mutua**, Dean and Distinguished Professor of SUNY Buffalo Law School

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 PANEL 2: **HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CIVIL SOCIETY PERSPECTIVE**

Based on personal experience, where are the biggest obstacles in fulfilment of human rights? Are there any differences in civil society in the Western world and elsewhere? Would these differences be the same between the North and the South? How could the Western countries help the civil society in other parts of the World and what is to be avoided?

Chair:

Mr. **Bahey el-din Hassan**, General Director, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies

Panelists:

Mr. **Ales Bialiatski**, President, Viasna Human Rights Centre, Belarus

Ms. **Yoani Sánchez**, Independent Journalist, Cuba

Ms. **Camila Asano**, Coordinator of the Foreign Policy and Human Rights Project, Conectas Human Rights, Brazil

13:00 – 14:00 BUFFET LUNCH

14:00 – 15:30 PANEL 3: **EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES IN HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE**

For both Europe and the United States human rights represent an important value that is reflected in their foreign policy. Still, one can detect certain differences in the American and European perceptions of human rights. They pertain to the capital punishment, importance of social rights or means of human rights support. Does it make sense to talk about these differences or is it rather more sensible to rely on the fact that they vanish in practice? Would joint coordination be useful? Where and how?

Chair:

Mr. **Petr Drulák**, First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Panelists:

Mr. **Tom Malinowski**, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, USA

Mr. **Stavros Lambrinidis**, EU Special Representative for Human Rights

Mr. **Jerzy Pomianowski**, Executive Director, European Endowment for Democracy

Mr. **Carl Gershman**, President, National Endowment for Democracy

Mr. **John Stremlau**, Vice President for Peace Programs, The Carter Centre

15:30 – 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 17:30 PANEL 4: **THE CZECH HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE AND ITS FOREIGN POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

What is meant by the “Czech historical experience” which has become the source for political ideas of human rights and their support in the Czech Republic? Which historical experience is relevant and how could it be applied in different locations and time periods? Where has the Czech Republic been the most successful in using it and where not?

Chair:

Mr. **Jan Jařab**, Regional Representative, OHCHR Regional Office for Europe

Panelists:

Mr. **Šimon Pánek**, Managing Director, People in Need, Czech Republic

Mr. **Tomáš Tožička**, Analyst, Educon – NGO, Czech Republic

Mr. **Pavel Barša**, Researcher, Institute of International Relations, Czech Republic

Mr. **Petr Pospíchal**, Journalist, Daily Referendum, Czech Republic

17:30 – 17:45 CLOSING SESSION

17:45 – 18:15 GLASS OF WINE